

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
MARCH 14, 2017

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Leann L. Hubbard	Finance Director
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Eileen Macoll	Councilmember
Ann Parks	Councilmember
Al Sorensen	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made four announcements.

Report

SR 270 Paving Project

Mayor Johnson introduced Larry Larson and Tom Brash, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project engineers. Brash reported on the SR 270 paving project. The project will rehabilitate existing pavement on SR 270 (Davis Way and Main St) from US 195 to approximately one half mile east of Bishop Boulevard. The ADA improvements will replace existing pedestrian ramps and pedestrian push buttons that do not meet the proposed FHWA standards. Traffic control strategies include message signs, access impacts, and no full road closures. The project is out to bid and could start mid-May but anticipated to start late May. The project is 35 working days, so could be completed in July. Councilmember Sorenson asked how much of the pavement will be ground down. Brash replied 1,500th of a foot. Councilmember Sorenson asked if the project will fix the potholes. Brash replied yes. Councilmember Sorenson stated communication with the affected businesses is important, so more contact is better. Councilmember Weller asked how far into

July will the project continue. Brash stated it depends on when it starts and the contract is 35 days. Councilmember Weller asked if the project will include assessing bridge infrastructure. Brash stated there will be two bridges receiving asphalt membranes and an asphalt layer. He is not aware of a need for bridge infrastructure analysis. It is not in the contract but WSDOT can provide an analysis if there is a need. Councilmember Hughes stated business owners have noticed WSDOT checking the ADA ramps and ask him if there will be construction, so some business owners already have a little notification. Brash said thank you.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Recommendations of Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda with the Council and audience. He stated that items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion of the Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council request. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Parks seconded to read the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any requests for removal of items from the Council. Councilmember Sorensen requested that item No. 2 be pulled for separate discussion. Councilmember Weller requested that item No. 3 be pulled for separate discussion. Councilmember Weller requested that item No. 4 be pulled for separate discussion. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt item 1 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motion

Accounts Payable, Payroll and Electronic Transfers -

1. The Council approved disbursements represented by accounts payable checks numbered 86501 through 86664 totaling \$2,047,985.73 inclusive, payroll checks numbered

February 22,
2017 to
March 7, 2017

71020 through 71142 totaling
\$116,925.21, and electronic transfers totaling
\$1,067,474.07.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolutions

Rejecting the
Bids for Contract
17-02, Sidewalks
2017

4. Mayor Johnson announced that this item has been removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Macoll. Councilmember Macoll asked if we reject bid, then when will there be another bid and will the project be accomplished in this season. Public Works Director answered yes the bid will go out right away and we will add more contract time since there is no reason why the project can't be done later in the year. Councilmember Sorensen asked why the variance on the engineer estimate for the brick pavers. Public Works Director answered brick pavers are hard to estimate because brick pavers require a lot of handwork and the tree roots push up the sidewalk.

Resolution No. R-19-17 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR CONTRACT 17-02, SIDEWALKS 2017.

Resolution No. R-19-17 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution
No. R-20-17 -
Preliminary Plat
of Paradise Hills
Subdivision No. 8

5. Mayor Johnson went through the "Appearance of Fairness" questions numbered one through seven. All the Councilmembers answered "no". Question No. 8 asked if any member of the audience had any reason to want any of the Councilmembers excused. There was no reply.

Planning Director Dickinson reported on the staff report on the proposed preliminary plat of Paradise Hills Subdivision No. 8. The request involves the division of 43.2 acres into 76 lots and public streets located south of the intersection of NW Terre View Drive and NW Marchland Street on Military Hill. The Planning Commission is in favor of granting the applicant's request subject to 14 conditions. Councilmember Weller asked how we can include sidewalks and if it is wise to connect Greyhound Way and Terre View Drive given all of traffic. Dickinson answered it is in the master plan and the two access points (for traffic) are sufficient for this

subdivision. Public Works Director Gardes addressed sidewalks. He stated at this time, the developer's plans are the development (and sidewalks) will be in several phases over several years. Councilmember Sorensen asked what streets will be constructed first. Dickinson replied he believes Terre View Drive since the school is this year and then Canyon View Drive is likely to be the next phases of development. The developer has five years to fill out plats. Councilmember Sorensen questioned the dual access is not dual access for quite a while. Dickinson responded potentially, but the emergency access will be constructed before the school opens. Councilmember Sorensen asked if the sidewalks and paths on Terre View are concrete or asphalt. Gardes responded asphalt. Councilmember Sorensen asked why. Gardes responded the sidewalks and paths are typically asphalt when the City asks for widening. Councilmember Sorensen stated he liked concrete and asked to clarify the sidewalks on the map. Gardes discussed the sidewalks on the map. Councilmember Sorensen asked why there are not sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Terre View. Gardes responded it is typical sidewalks are constructed through development. Councilmember Sorensen stated he knows this is typical, but maybe it is time to change the way we usually plan sidewalks. Dickinson replied that staff is reviewing according to City policy and that is how staff is bringing the recommendation to Council. Councilmember Sorensen asked if we can change (City policy) now. City Attorney McAloon advised City Council should not change City policy now. City Council should accept recommendation or send back to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Sorensen asked if he can add a condition. McAloon replied no. Councilmember Macoll asked why sidewalks are not included in the 14 conditions. Dickinson replied sidewalks will go in on both sides of Terre View Drive, except where indicated otherwise for the paths, as development occurs on the lots. Gardes stated staff will review the plans and make sure sidewalks are included in development. Councilmember Weller asked when is a good time to discuss changing the policy. City Attorney McAloon replied anytime, but the developer vests in the existing rules at the date of the complete application. Councilmember Sorensen asked for clarification of water runoff and if the school has to put in detention ponds. Gardes answered the

school district will have to construct a treatment system and a stormwater detention system. The runoff rate cannot exceed the current runoff rate of a 25-year storm. Councilmember Wright commented she is concerned for the future and wants to do it right the first time.

Resolution No. R-20-17 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF PARADISE HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 8.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Hawbaker seconded to adopt Resolution No. 20-17. Councilmember Sorensen voted naye and all other Councilmembers voted aye. The motion carries.

Motions

Reschedule Public Hearing Date on Certain Provisions of Whispering Hills Subdivision	2.	Mayor Johnson announced that this item has been removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Sorensen. Councilmember Sorensen asked why there is a request to reschedule the public hearing date from March 28, 2017 to April 25, 2017 on certain provision of Whispering Hills Subdivision. City Supervisor Lincoln answered the rational was the March 28 City Council meeting agenda was going to include a goal setting agenda item so a public hearing on certain provision of Whispering Hills Subdivision would create a long meeting. Councilmember Sorensen stated he would like to proceed with the public hearing as soon as possible.
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Councilmember Sorensen moved, Councilmember Hughes seconded to approve to reschedule the date of a public hearing continuance from March 28, 2017 to April 25, 2017 to consider a request to modify certain provision of Whispering Hills Subdivision Nos 3, 4, 8, and 9. The motion carried unanimously.

Agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission to Provide Research Assistance to Washington State University	3.	Mayor Johnson announced that this item has been removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Weller. Councilmember Weller recognized and thanked Police Chief Jenkins for his continued support of this research. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Hughes seconded to authorize the Chief of Police to execute an agreement with the Washington Traffic
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Safety Commission to provide research assistance to Washington State University and accept grant funds for overtime reimbursement. The motion carried unanimously.

Library
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement with
Teamsters Union
Local 690

6. Mayor Johnson announced that a labor agreement has been prepared for the years 2017-2019 between the City of Pullman and Teamsters Local 690 for Library employees. City Supervisor Lincoln presented the background and requested, by motion, to approve and authorize execution of the contract.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Hughes seconded to approve a labor agreement for the years 2017-2019 between the City of Pullman and Teamsters Local 690 for Library employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement with
Teamsters Union
Local 690

7. Mayor Johnson announced that a labor agreement has been prepared for the years 2017-2019 between the City of Pullman and Teamsters Local 690 for Public Works employees. City Supervisor Lincoln presented the background and requested, by motion, to approve and authorize execution of the contract.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to approve a labor agreement for the years 2017-2019 between the City of Pullman and Teamsters Local 690 for Public Works employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Transit Fare
Increase

8. Transit Manager Thompson reported on a proposal to increase transit fares. The last transit fare increase was in 1999. Councilmember Sorensen asked if this increase applies to senior citizens. Thompson replied yes. Councilmember Macoll asked what the methods of payment are. Thompson replied cash, tokens or passes. Councilmember Macoll asked if there has been consideration to utilize technology. Thompson replied he would love to find affordable alternatives. Mayor Johnson asked if there could be incentives attached to the fair increase for passes. Thompson will review. Councilmember Sorensen asked how many passes are sold. Thompson did not have a count but stated 2016 fare revenue is approximately \$21,000. Councilmember Parks asked if there is a special pass rate for seniors. Thompson confirmed yes.

Councilmember Weller stated he would like to see count data before proceeding with a resolution request.

City Council requested a report on the count of tokens and passes sold in a year at the next meeting.

Maintenance
and Operations
Position
Reclassification

9. Public Works Director Gardes reported on his memorandum to reclassify a maintenance worker position to operations technician position and minor reorganization of maintenance and operations (M&O). Councilmember Sorensen asked about the effect on the stormwater position. Gardes replied the two M&O maintenance worker positions in the 2017 budget have not yet been filled. The proposed reclassification would include a maintenance worker and an Operations Technician that would support operations of the City's water distribution system and sewer lift stations. Discussion continued about the benefits of having personnel specifically geared toward water operations allows for improved continuity, one of which is the call-back service and auto-dialer alarms. Councilmember Sorensen asked if the Operations Technician would be backflow certified. Gardes confirmed.

City Council agreed to proceed with reclassification and minor reorganization of M&O.

ASWSU Joint
Meeting Agenda
Topics

10. City Supervisor Lincoln asked for topic ideas and opinions on changing the meeting format as requested by ASWSU. Councilmember Macoll asked if the proposed format is close enough to the City's format to support the change. City Attorney McAloon replied it would be a special meeting and the format is sufficient. Councilmember Sorensen recommended an ambulance topic. Mayor Johnson recommended a snow removal on parking lots topic. Councilmember Weller recommended green bike possibilities and dog leash laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business. There was no other new business.

Cheryl Morgan asked if the format of the public hearings has changed and if there could be more public comment after the original public comment. City Attorney McAloon responded the public hearings are held at the Planning Commission

meetings and the City complies with State law.

Dave Gibney commented that sidewalks are discussed frequently so as a Planning Committee member he welcomes City Council input.

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any additional new business. There was no additional new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Parks seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:24 p.m.

Finance Director/City Clerk